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conference of Police chiefs of coastal Andhra districts held after the Eluru Conference and before the date when firings took place in Nellore and a few Andhra towns in December 1952; and if so, whether it is a fact that the plan about Police firings was discussed and decided at that conference?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A Conference of the District Superintendents of Police of the Northern Range presided over by the Deputy Inspector-General of that Range, was held at Vijayavada on 7th November 1952. No plan about Police firings was discussed at that conference. It was only a routine annual conference, in no way peculiar to the Coastal Andhra districts. Such Range conferences are convened annually by the respective Deputy Inspectors-General to discuss administrative and crime matters and to exchange views."

Vemuladevi Project, Narasapuram taluk, West Godavari.

* 1180 Q.—SRI B. LAKSHMINARASA RAJU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have completed the Vemuladevi Project in Narasapuram taluk, West Godavari district;

(b) what is the total ayacut contemplated under the scheme; and

(c) what is the present ayacut now under cultivation?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) 598·61 acres.

" (c) 11·08 acres."

Irrigation works in Visakhapatnam and Srikakulam.

* 1181 Q.—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state with reference to the Visakhapatnam and Srikakulam districts—

(a) the number of irrigation works completed;

(b) the number of works under execution; and

(c) the number of schemes awaiting sanction by the Food Production Department in 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) 63.

" (b) 172.

" (c) 62."

Alleged starvation death in Pamarru, Gudivada taluk.

* 1182 Q.—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a death due to starvation in Pamarru of Gudivada taluk on 3rd March 1953; and

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(*b*) what were the findings of the panchayatdars in respect of the death on 3rd March 1953 and what was the Police report?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" (*a*) & (*b*) The M.L.A. apparently refers to the dead body of an unknown person which was found in Pamarru village on 1st February 1953. The Village Munsif reported the fact to the Police. Thereupon the Police made the necessary enquiries and held an inquest. The panchayatdars could not come to a decision as to the cause of the death. From the enquiries made by the Police it transpired that the deceased was a demented beggar whose death was due to lack of proper nourishment.

" Pamarru is a rich deltaic village of the Gudivada taluk and paddy is the main crop in this area. There is no scarcity of food in this village and in the other deltaic villages of the Krishna district. The death occurred on 1st February 1953 and *not* on 3rd March 1953. It is possible that due to dementia the person was not taking proper food and thereby died."

Cyclone relief in Tanjore and Tiruchirappalli.

* 1183 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any request for financial aid was made by the State Government to the Union Government for giving relief to the cyclone-affected districts of Tanjore and Tiruchirappalli; and

(*b*) if so, the amount granted by the Union Government for this purpose?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Local Bodies Finance Enquiry Committee.

* 1184 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Local Bodies Finance Enquiry Committee was appointed; its terms of reference and the names of its members;

(*b*) whether the report of the Committee has been sent to the Government;

(*c*) if so, what the recommendations of the Committee are, and the action taken thereon; and

(*d*) whether the Government will place a copy of the report on the table of the House?